Missouri

Most agricul tural/industrial polluted water problems reclaimed

Coal-bearing beds underlie 23,000 square miles of Missouri, about one third of the state's total area. Twelve out of more than 20 named coal seams have been or are being commercially mined. The remainder are too thin for commercial production. The coal is high-volatile bituminous, with reserves estimated to be six billion tons, 1.2 percent of U.S. coal reserves. Coal-bearing strata are generally thin seams which can be up to five feet thick. Typically, mined seams are about 28 inches thick.

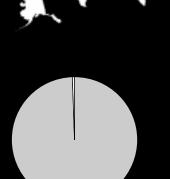
Coal deposits were first mined in Missouri in the 1840's with the coal used primarily for domestic heating and blacksmithing. Production increased with the introduction of steamboats on the Mississippi. Coal production in 1917 was six million tons. Production has steadily declined from a high of nearly seven million tons in 1984 to 592,392 tons in 1997. Declining production is the result of several factors, including competition from other energy sources and the high sulfur content of Missouri coal. Today, coal-fired electric generating plants are the biggest consumers of Missouri coal.

The Missouri regulatory program was conditionally approved November 21, 1980, and fully approved January 17, 1983. Its Abandoned Mine Land program was approved January 29, 1982.

The Office of Surface Mining has completed all of the abandoned mine emergency abatement in Missouri. These projects have cost \$309,000 and eliminated six subsidence hazards.

Since 1977, more than \$41 million of Abandoned Mine Land projects have been completed in Missouri. The predominate problems eliminated were large-scale polluted water bodies and reclamation of lands causing clogged streams.

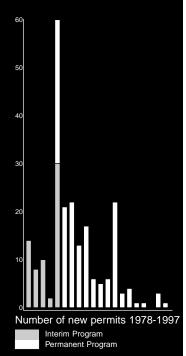
Abandoned Mine Land problems costing over \$100 million, including approximately \$40 million of high-priority projects, remain to be reclaimed in Missouri. Over 70 percent of the high-priority work needed is to stabilize subsidence-prone areas. Missouri receives the minimum program annual grant of \$1.5 million.

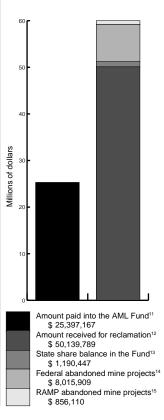




coal production¹⁰

	19	978	19			
		Percent		Percent	1978-1997	
	Amount	U.S. Total	Amount	U.S. Total	Rank	
Tons Produced						
Surface 3	3,174,325	1.2%	592,392	0.1%	15	
Underground	0	0%	0	0%	0	
Lignite	0	0%	0	0%	0	
Total 3	3,174,325	0.7%	592,392	0.05%	19	
Number of Producing Surface (bituminous co Underground		0.5% 0%	8	0.3% 0%	14 0	
Lignite (surface)	0	0%	0	0%	0	
Total	17	0.2%	8	0.1%	16	
Mine Production						
Average	186,725	26.2%	74,049	28.1%		
>1,000,000 tons	0	0%	0	0%		
300,000-1,000,000 ton	s 4	1.9%	1	0.4%		
<300,000 tons	13	0.2%	7	0.1%		





Active mining and reclamation ¹⁶																					
	1978	79	80	81	82	83	8 84	85	5 86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	' Total
Number of New Permits																					
Surface Mining	14	8	10	2	60	21	22	13	17	6	5	6	22	3	4	1	1	0	3	1	219
Underground Mining	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acreage Permitted																					
Surface Mining	5,980	6,518	8,482	66 1	8,862	2,606	3,710	3,110	6,121	2,082	856	1,286	1,299	292	4,531	465	392	0	398	445	67,501
Underground Mining	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acreage of Bond Releas	Se.																				
Interim Prog. (final)	0	0	22	62	85	201	282	544	509	837	1.515	315	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.404
Phase 1	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	•			1.785	1.598		1.248	786	1.111	180	641	2.053	1.267	13,100
Phase 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	,	939	1.075	419	377	74	360	,	2,038	
Phase 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	,		0	227	30	5		3,430	,	-,
Inspections																					
Complete	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	174	299	425	417	569	541	414	400	291	291	272	286	270	167	140	4,956
Partial	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	197	443	608	614	813	978	766	730	607	607	643	813	498	279	208	8,804
Oversight	0	0	0	0	0	71	66	96	NA	109	69	50	52	52	40	77	68	87	20	45	902
Citations Issued							-														
NOV's	11	16	17	21	54	56	103	276	124	132	77	27	36	51	21	48	60	107	54	74	1,365

Abandoned coal mine reclamation 1977-1997¹⁷

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	F	Reclaimed Problems	Remaining Problems			
	OSM Emergency	State Emergency	Non-Emergency	Number	Estimated Cost	
Priority 1 & 2 (Protection of Public Health, Safe	ty, and General We	Ifare) and Emergenc	y Projects			
Clogged Streams (miles)	0	0	10.6	2.3	\$ 106,705	
Clogged Stream Lands (acres)	0	0	1,491.8	15.7	144,932	
Highwalls (feet)	0	0	58,312.0	30.349.0	1,528,224	
Impoundments (count)	0	0	6.0	2.0	12,000	
Piles & Embankments (acres)	0	0	489.4	189.8	5,411,591	
Slides (acres)	0	0	0	0	0	
Gases (count)	0	0	0	1.0	25,000	
Equipment & Facilities (count)	0	0	27.0	9.0	44,680	
Water Bodies (count)	0	0	10.0	8.0	218,601	
Industrial Waste (acres)	0	0	70.5	30.9	365,200	
Portals (count)	0	0	23.0	21.0	154,000	
Polluted Water: Agriculture & Industrial (count	0	0	31.0	11.0	585,720	
Polluted Water: Human Consumption (count)	0	0	16.0	5.0	2,436,209	
Subsidence (acres)	2.2	0	2.5	631.5	28,375,000	
Surface Burning (acres)	0	0	19.0	0	0	
Underground Mine Fires (acres)	0	0	2.0	0	0	
Vertical Openings (count)	1.0	0	75.0	52.0	168,500	
Total					\$ 39,576,362	
Priority 3 (Environmental Restoration)						
Bench (acres)	0	0	0	2.0	\$ 28,000	
Industrial Waste (acres)	0	0	2.9	8.7	38,061	
Equipment & Facilities (count)	0	0	4.0	27.0	193,602	
Gob (acres)	0	0	129.2	121.4	3,476,587	
Highwall (feet)	0	0	16,824.0	186.176.0	21,061,568	
Haul Road (acres)	0	0	1.4	73.3	278,978	
Mine Opening (count)	0	0	0	17.0	34,000	
Pit (acres)	0	0	88.9	443.3	3,779,153	
Spoil Area (acres)	0	0	1,291.8	5,939.3	13,335,814	
Slurry (acres)	0	0	69.0	18.9	181,500	
Slump (acres)	0	0	0.3	415.6	19,711,200	
Water (gallons/minute)	0	0	86.0	384.0	720,501	
Total					\$ 62,838,964	